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Letter dated 15 September 2000 from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, Cuba, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, South Africa and Zimbabwe addressed to the President of the Security Council

Under Security Council resolution 1192 (1998) a solution has been reached for the question of Lockerbie. This solution calls for the trial of the two suspects before a Scottish Court sitting in the Netherlands, the suspension of the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya once the suspects have appeared before the Court, and the lifting of these sanctions in accordance with paragraph 16 of Security Council resolution 883 (1993) and paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 1192 (1998), upon the submission of a report by the Secretary-General 90 days after the suspension of the sanctions.

The Committee of Six of the Non-Aligned Movement would like to state that 15 months after the deadline mentioned in paragraph 16 of Security Council resolution 883 (1993) for the lifting of the sanctions; 18 months after the appearance of the two suspects before the Scottish Court in the Netherlands; and about 5 months following the start of the Court's proceedings, and despite the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya's full cooperation with the Court (S/1999/1183), the Security Council has not been enabled to lift the sanctions.

The Non-Aligned Movement, recalling its decisions taken at the summit and ministerial levels concerning the question of Lockerbie, in which it called for the lifting of the unjust sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and for a peaceful solution to the issue, is deeply disappointed by the failure of the Security Council to adopt a resolution lifting the sanctions upon the submission of the Secretary-General's report, which indicated the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya's full implementation of all its commitments (S/1999/726).

The Libyan people have the right to have strong suspicions and to be impatient, and would be justified in whatever positions they decide to take. Likewise, the Non-Aligned Movement has every right to express its deep concern over this situation.

The Committee of Six entrusted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement in Cartagena in 1998 to follow up the question of Lockerbie pays great tribute to the cooperation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with the Scottish Court in the Netherlands, and calls on the Security Council, in the name of all countries of the Non-Aligned Movement, to lift the sanctions immediately and irrevocably.

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We should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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